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who might be public or private. If the parties agreed upon a private arbitrator, his finding was final; if they went to a public referee, there was an appeal to the Court with a jury of often over a hundred members. Another remarkable feature was that in the preliminary hearing, which corresponded to some extent with our practice before a Master, all the facts, evidence, and law which were to be used at the trial were settled and recorded, as is done in the Preliminary Act of Admiralty Cases. In the practice of their full Courts, with their enormous juries and their lack of trained judges and trained jurists, the Greeks were farbehind our standard and the Roman standard. But in the steps which they took to prevent litigation and to narrow down the issues and limit the evidence before trial there is much in their practice which is suggestive of the most approved methods of our own Courts.—London Law Journal.

IN VACATION.

“Blockheads” to Sell.—When Lord Thurlow first opened a lawyer's office in London, he took a basement room which had previously been occupied by a cobbler. He was somewhat annoyed by the previous occupant's callers, and irritated by the fact that he had few of his own. One day an Irishman entered. “The cobbler's gone, I see,” he said. “I should think he had,” tartly responded the lawyer. “And what do ye sell? inquired the Irishman, looking at the solitary table and a few law books. “Blockheads,” responded Thurlow. “Begorra,” said Pat, “ye must be doing a mighty fine business; ye ain't got but one left.”—Exchange.

Guilty or Not Guilty.—Judge Frederick E. Crane, the young and brilliant jurist who presided over the Jenkins Hains trial, has a way of illuminating with an apt anecdote a point he wishes to make.

In one of the early cases he so brilliantly conducted before his elevation to the bench, Mr. Crane said to an obstinately reticent witness:

“You seem bent on giving the court all possible trouble. You are like the man who sat in the dock one Sunday morning with a bandaged head.

“‘Prisoner,’ said the magistrate to this man, ‘you are charged with having been drunk and disorderly. What say you—guilty or not guilty?’

“‘That's wot you're paid to find out,’ growled the prisoner. ‘I ain't got no call to help ye do yer work.’”—Central Law Journal.